

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7197  
INFO AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 856

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SCUL, ABLD, SF  
SUBJECT: SOWETO READING ROOM

REF: STATE 106024,

I RAISED SOWETO READING ROOM QUESTION WITH FOURIE SATURDAY, APRIL 29. HE WOULD NOT BE TIED DOWN ON WHEN WE MIGHT EXPECT A FORMAL REPLY TO OUR NOTE OF LAST NOVEMBER. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THE LIKELIHOOD IS THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FACILITY ADJACENT TO THE YMCA WOULD BE LEFT FOR THE "OWNERS" (PRESUMABLY THE YMCA) AND THE "APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITIES" (FOURIE AGREED THAT MEANT PRINCIPALLY WRAB) TO WORK OUT. HE AGAIN SAID AS HE HAD LAST YEAR (77 PRETORIA 5841) THAT THE FACILITY NOT HAVE THE APPEARANCE OF BEING AN ICA OFFICE. IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZABLE AS A YMCA FACILITY. HE FEARED THE LEASING IDEA WE WERE CONSIDERING WOULD CREATE THE WRONG IMPRESSION IN THIS REGARD. I SAID WE WOULD SEEK TO PROCEED IN A WAY WHICH DID NOT CREATE PROBLEMS.  
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